



The Magazine

Williamsburg Chapter Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution



By signing the Declaration of Independence, the fifty-six Americans pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor. Nine died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were jailed, mistreated, or left penniless. Twelve signers' houses were burned to the ground. No signer defected. Their honor, like their nation remained intact.

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President's Message

Compatriots,

I hope everyone came through the fringes of Florence with minimal interruption. I attended the semiannual meeting in Charlottesville on the 14th and 15th. It was a good meeting where members of our chapter received several awards from NASSAR. They will be given out at our October meeting. We heard Patrick Henry give his famous speech which those of you who attended the ceremony in Richmond earlier this year heard. Mark your calendars now for the VASSAR meeting in Richmond on February 8-10, 2019. Planning for the rest of the year continued throughout the past month. Yorktown day is October 19 and we will be laying a wreath beginning at 9:15 followed by the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile parade at 10:30. All chapter members are invited to attend one or both events. Of course, we will have our Veterans Day ceremony at the Governor's Palace at 3:30 on November 11. Volunteers for setup, ushering and other activities are needed. Please contact Tom Campbell if you can assist at this, our largest event.

After October, we will have only one more chapter meeting on November 10. Please plan to attend this meeting since we will be electing new officers, presenting awards to chapter members who have assisted the chapter in various ways in addition to hearing an interesting speaker. Our January 2019 joint meeting will be arranged by the Thomas Nelson, Jr. chapter and will include the installation of chapter officers. Information on that meeting will be forthcoming.

Bill Greaf





Calendar

Mon. Oct 8

**10:00AM Board Meeting
Williamsburg Library**

Sat. Oct 13

**11:30AM Luncheon Meeting
Colonial Heritage
Country Club**

Fri. Oct 19

**08:45AM Yorktown Day
Wreath laying &
¾ mile Parade
Yorktown, Virginia**

Sun. Nov 11

**3:30 PM Veterans Day ceremony
Garden of
Governor's Palace
Colonial Williamsburg**



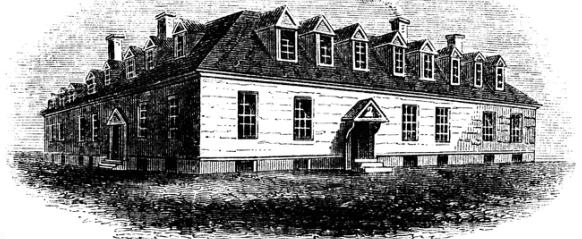
Most photos by Harley Stewart

Chapter News



President William Greif (left) and Vice President Jay Smith (right) present speaker Wilford Kale (center) with a Jefferson Cup and a Certificate of Appreciation. Kale spoke on the military history of the College of William and Mary. The very first student was a militia unit member. Since then many students have left for service in war including Revolutionary, Civil, and World Wars. William and Mary has also been the site of military encampments – unique among United States colleges – during both Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The British and French were there during the former and Union and Confederates during the latter. During the Vietnam War and to this day, William and Mary has steadfastly supported the United States military with its ROTC program remaining always a part of the curriculum.

Submitted by: Harley Stewart



CONSTITUTION DAY



The Williamsburg Chapters Daughters of the American Revolution supported by the Sons of the American Revolution gathered together on Constitution Day September 17th at the First Baptist Church in Williamsburg to continue with a celebrated tradition of announcing our Independence by ringing their bell that had remained silent for over 50 years due to damage. It has been recently restored by Colonial Williamsburg preservationists and hopefully will provide many more years of celebration. It rang loud :



Constitution Day bell ringing at First Baptist Church, Williamsburg.

PHOTO BY VIRGINIA LEE



UPCOMING EVENTS



On Friday, October 19th we will gather in Yorktown at The Grace Episcopal Church on Main Street to commemorate the victory of The Earl Cornwallis's surrender to Gen. George Washington .

Wreath laying ceremonies begin at **08:45** followed by a parade to the Yorktown Monument.

Anticipate hundreds of participant to include the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Virginia Society, SAR Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution and military units from the surrounding areas. Color guards and possibly the Yorktown Fife & Drum Corps will perform.

Arrive early to obtain parking sufficient for your needs. NPS Battlefield lot, Yorktown garage and limited parking at the church.





Lt. Jeremy Barnett being presented the SAR Flag Recognition certificate who accepted on behalf of the James City County Law Enforcement Center on 30 August 2018. Compatriot George Corbett conducted the presentation on behalf of the Williamsburg Chapter SAR.



Registrar's Corner



A Williamsburg chapter compatriot recently inquired about a Memorial Membership for his recently deceased father. At the time, the NSSAR fee was an astonishing \$430. A new Membership Cost Reference Manual (effective 18 July 2018) shows a significant reduction to \$115. There might be some small VASSAR and chapter fees as well, but they should be minor and one-time expense. If anyone is interested in a Memorial Membership for a close relative, please let the registrar know.

There should be three new members inducted on 13 October. I have hit a brick wall on a fourth application. Perhaps I will hit pay dirt at the DAR Library on 18 October.

Jim Hess

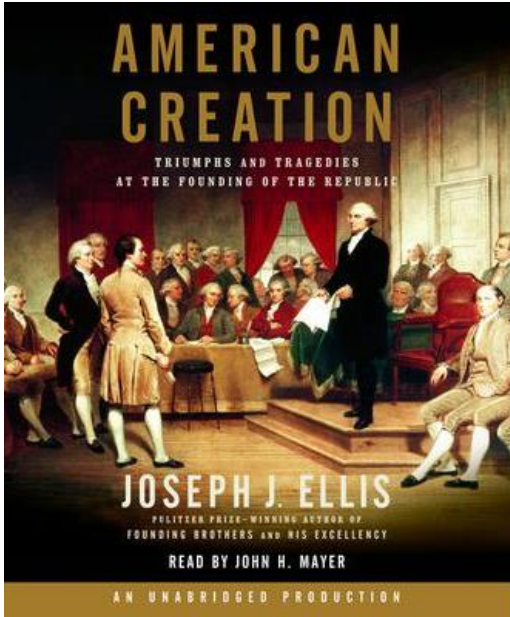
October Revolutionary War Event



The Surrender of General Burgoyne is an oil painting by John Trumbull. The painting was completed in 1821, and hangs in the rotunda of the United States Capitol in Washington, D. C. The painting depicts the surrender of British Lieutenant General John Burgoyne at Saratoga, New York on October 17, 1777, ten days after the Second Battle of Saratoga. Included in the depiction are many leaders of the American Continental Army and militia forces that took part in the battle as well as the Hessian commander Friedrich Adolf Riedesel and two British Army officers: Burgoyne and General William Phillips.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

OCTOBER BOOK RAFFLE



The book entitled AMERICAN CREATION - Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic, authored by Joseph J. Ellis, is our outstanding raffle book at our next luncheon meeting. Ellis chooses a half dozen seminal moments in the period from 1776-1803. He offers details about the winter at Valley Forge, the fallible but well-intentioned men who forged a new government, the treaty with the Creek Indians that was compromised before the ink was barely dry, the importance of the Louisiana Purchase. This first-rate, well-documented book may be yours if you participate in the drawing - one ticket for \$1 or seven tickets for \$5.

TRIVIA

The video this month is about the Battle of Saratoga fought on October 17th 1777.

Just click the link below the



<https://youtu.be/YPy3o1vGaH4>

Sir Winston Churchill, the illustrious British Prime Minister who led the UK during World War II, was a member of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. His great-grandfather, Major Libbeus Ball, of the 4th Massachusetts Regiment, marched and fought with George Washington's army at Valley Forge.

SAR WEB sites

State <http://www.virginia-sar.org/vassar/>

National <https://www.sar.org/>

Williamsburg <http://williamsburg.virginia-sar.org>

We are in the process of creating a new WEB site so that updates may be done in a more timely manner. < Our present site is still usable.

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Send your reservations to the Williamsburg Chapter
by **Saturday Sep 6.**

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Reservation for the **Saturday 13 Oct. 2018** Chapter Luncheon

Name(s) _____

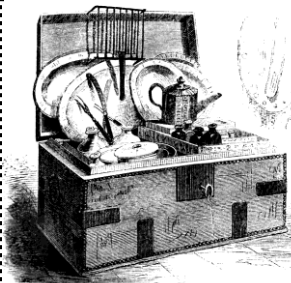
Please reserve _____ regular meals at \$20.00

#Vegetarian _____ Vegan _____ Gluten free _____ Special need _____

_____ only attending the 1300 program

Please make checks payable to "Williamsburg Chapter SAR"

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